



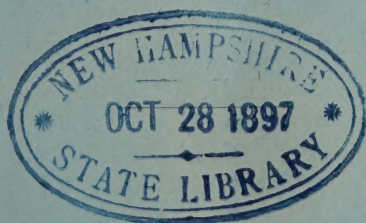
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# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen, as reported by the Selectmen, April, 1886, is as follows: Boys 66, girls 58; total 124.

## FINANCIAL.

### DR.

School Board in account with town of Gilsum.

Town raised by taxation,	\$850 00
Literary money left from 1885,	17 82
Literary money in treasury, less 1-5,	72 71
Interest on school fund <sup>y</sup> (\$300 at 6 per cent.),	18 00
Received of H. E. Strong, town treasurer,	\$958 53

### CR.

Miss E. L. Rawson, for teaching 24 weeks, at \$8 50,	\$204 00
Miss Lila Mason, for teaching 24 weeks, at \$6 00,	144 00
Miss H. J. Nichols, for teaching 8 weeks, at \$7 00,	56 00
Miss Alice Smith, for teaching 8 weeks, at \$5 00,	40 00
Miss Emma Bingham, for teaching 8 weeks, at \$5 00,	40 00
Miss Emma Bingham, for teaching 9 weeks, at \$6 00,	54 00
Miss Mary E. Wright, for teaching 16 weeks, at \$8 00,	128 00

Mrs. Emma G. Moore, for teaching 6 weeks, at \$5 00,	\$30 00
Miss Mary E. Wilcox, for teaching 7 weeks, at \$5 00,	35 00
Miss Mabel Farrar, for teaching 8 weeks, at \$5 50,	44 00
Miss Ethel Porter, for teaching 10 weeks, at \$6 50,	65 00
George B. Alexander, for carrying scholars 8 weeks,	17 50
George E. Newman, for carrying scholars 8 weeks, at \$4 50,	36 00
For wood for schools,	32 94
For repairs for school houses,	9 50
For care of school houses,	8 50
For supplies for schools,	6 54
Milton Stearns for carrying teacher home,	1 00
Balance in hands of committee,	6 55
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	\$958 53

### SPECIAL REPORTS.

#### VESSEL ROCK SCHOOL.

This school was taught the first and last terms by Miss Emma J. Bingham with marked success—good order and progress in the studies. Miss Bingham has had much experience and is a successful teacher. The second term by Miss Mary E. Wilcox of Surry. Your committee is sorry to report with not so good results as was expected.

#### SOUTH SCHOOL

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss Alice E. Smith. The older scholars made very good improvement but there was a lack in government; with more experience better results might be attained.

The summer term was taught by Mrs. Emma G. Moore; this term was characterized by good order and thoroughness in all the branches taught. Your committee regrets to say



that Mrs. Moore could not be retained. Winter term by Miss Ethel M. Porter with fair improvement.

Our pupils have all had equal advantages so far as length of school is concerned. There have been no scholars to care for in what was formerly No. 6. During the first of the season the pupils in the west part of the town were brought to the graded schools in the village; but as there appeared to be pupils enough in the winter for a successful school, one term was held in the brick school house in charge of Miss Mabel H. Farrar of Sullivan, which was fairly successful.

The school in the east part of the town has been in charge of Miss Lila H. Mason of Sullivan for the school year. This has been a very successful school both as regards discipline and instruction. We regard Miss Mason as one of our most faithful and promising teachers.

The Spring term of the primary school was taught by Miss Helen J. Nichols.

The instruction would have been satisfactory, had good order been maintained. Strict discipline is of first importance in all schools, but especially so in a school of this character.

It is the important part of a child's education to learn to obey, to do whatever is required, in the best possible manner, and at the proper time. In fact, a primary school without good discipline is quite likely to result in harm rather than good.

The school was in charge of Miss Mary E. Wright, of Keene, for the remainder of the school year. Miss Wright is an energetic teacher and a good disciplinarian, and soon had the school in condition for profitable work.

The grammar school has been under the instruction of Miss Effie L. Rawson for the entire school year.

This is a very fine school, the classes are very even in their scholarship, the pupils are orderly, industrious and wide awake, and the teacher a thorough disciplinarian, and successful instructor.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS.

NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Physiology.	Philosophy.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Visits by supt.	Visits by others.	Roll of honor.
Effie L. Rawson,	\$34 00	7.9	29	28	11	29	29	29	28	26	17	7	2	2	1	4	30	11	
Helen J. Nichols,	28 00	7.9	37	28	5	37	37	24	24	24				3	28	4			
Lila H. Mason,	24 00	7.8	17	15	5	17	17	8	11	8	2			3	13	5			
Alice E. Smith,	20 00	8	8	7	5	8	8		8	5	3	2		2	13	5			
Emma J. Bingham,	20 00	8	17	16½	7	17	17	12	13	4				2	20	7			

# FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Physiology.	Philosophy.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Visits by supt.	Visits by others.	Roll of honor.
Union G. P.	Effie L. Rawson,	\$34 00	16	32	26	13	32	32	29	32	23	18			11		3	6	48	16
	Mary E. Wright,	32 00	16	38	28	10	38	38	30	30	18							5	28	10
East.	Lila H. Mason,	24 00	16	22	16	3	22	22	9	12	10	6						5	16	3
	Mabel H. Farrar,	22 00	7.8	11	9	1	10	10		8	8	1			2			3	7	
West.	Emma G. Moore,	20 00	6	6	4	3	6	6	6	6	6	3		1				2	15	3
	Ethel M. Porter,	26 00	9.9	12	8	4	12	12	8	11	7	5	2		2			2	10	4
South.	Mary E. Wilcox,	20 00	7	18	15	8	18	18	11	18	7					1		3	21	7
	Emma J. Bingham,	24 00	9	18	17	8	18	18	13	18	7	2				1		2	10	8



## GENERAL REMARKS.

The work of the School Board, the past year, has not been one of unalloyed pleasure. There was a strong feeling on the part of some, in opposition to the new system, and they naturally look upon its workings, at first, with a critical eye, and the doings of the School Board are often unjustly interpreted. We believe there are no other business matters where people use so little reason and forbearance as in school affairs. Time will undoubtedly correct this in a measure, as it relates to the new system, but in the outset it is very unpleasant. It is an old saying, that a man who has no enemies lacks decision, and is of very little account in the world; we would advise any who are conscious that they lack this element in their character, to seek a place on the School Board, and if they do their duty, they will quickly have it supplied.

We believe the time has come when a course of study should be arranged for the grammar school. Scholars differ in their inclinations, and it often takes until the second week of the term before the studies are definitely arranged. It would relieve the teacher of much annoyance.

A simple form of book-keeping should have a place in this course. It has been considered necessary, only for those who expected to become accountants, or merchants, to study book-keeping, but every person ought to be able to record the common business transactions of life in a proper manner; for this reason a simple form of book-keeping should be taught in our public schools, for the benefit of those pupils whose school days are limited. A suitable text-book can now be found in "Meservey's Single Entry;" it is simple, plain and concise; teachers will find no difficulty in explaining, or pupils in understanding it.

Good teachers are not plenty, and it is one of the incomprehensible things that more of our young people do not thoroughly qualify themselves for this work.

A competent teacher, trained for the work in our normal

schools, will always find employment with good pay; the crowd of half qualified applicants is a great annoyance to school officers.

One of the most foolish things in public affairs is the pinching reduction of taxes for school purposes. A writer has forcibly said, "the poorest speculation in financial affairs is to knock out the brains of a community to save money." Retrenchment can be made in many objects of public concern, but never in this. The most valuable thing in every commonwealth is the child; everything finally depends on our success in making him intelligent, industrious, refined and good.

JOHN S. COLLINS,  
OSCAR J. WILSON,  
GEORGE C. HUBBARD,  
*School Board.*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of Gilsum submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 1, 1887:

### INVOICE OF TOWN, APRIL, 1886.

200 polls,	\$20,000 00
9800 acres,	168,775 00
133 horses,	10,977 00
60 oxen,	4,469 00
129 cows,	4,086 00
61 neat,	1,551 00
266 sheep,	653 00
6 hogs,	48 00
35 carriages,	2,255 00
Stock in corporations out of state,	200 00
Stock in banks,	7,700 00
Money at interest,	22,733 00
Stock in trade,	38,640 00
Factories, mills and machinery,	23,600 00
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	\$305,687 00

### APPROPRIATIONS.

The following were the appropriations at the annual meeting in March, 1886, with assessments required by law:

Support of schools,	\$850 00
Town charges,	1 00



Support of highways in money,	\$700 00
County tax,	400 00
Addition to town hall,	200 00
Sidewalks,	125 00
Bank wall near Collins' bridge,	40 00
School houses, land and property,	3,329 91
Over-lay,	9 24
School house tax, union district, with percentage added,	613 45
40 dogs,	46 00
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	\$6,314 60
Paid to school districts by Cr. on taxes,	3,329 91
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Amount committed to S. L. Kingsbury, collector,	\$2,984 69

#### APPRAISAL OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Formerly District No. 1, school house, right of land, furniture, books, etc.,	\$204 00
Formerly Union District, school house, land, furni- ture, books, due from town, etc.,	2,498 90
Formerly District No. 3, school house, right in land, furniture, books, due from town,	262 71
Formerly District No. 4, school house, right in land, furniture, books, etc.,	163 76
Formerly District No. 5, school house, right of land, furniture, books, etc.,	103 21
Formerly District No. 6, school house, right of land, furniture, books, etc.,	97 33
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Total,	\$3,329 91

#### SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1886.

Town raised for support of schools,	\$850 00
Literary money from 1885,	17 82
Literary money in treasury less one-fifth (\$18.18),	72 71

Interest on school fund,	\$18 00
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	\$958 53
Amount paid Board of Education for schools,	\$958 53

## TOWN OFFICERS ENDING MARCH, 1886.

Paid H. E. Adams, Selectman,	\$40 50
H. H. Carter, Selectman and team,	51 00
C. L. Mansfield, " "	40 25
A. D. Hammond, Treasurer,	15 00
L. W. F. Mark, Clerk,	20 00
Geo. C. Hubbard, Supt. School Committee,	29 75
Daniel Smith, Overseer of the Poor,	37 27
William A. Wilder, Supervisor,	3 00
Daniel Wright, Supervisor, 1885-86,	4 25
J. A. Smith, Moderator,	2 00
J. S. Collins, Auditor,	1 00
W. B. Adams, Auditor,	1 00
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	\$245 02

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid H. D. Smith for firemen,	\$105 00
Geo. Newell, Steward from March, 1885,	
to 1886,	4 00
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	\$109 00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel L. Kingsbury from March 1, 1886,	
to May, 1886,	\$48 46
Allen Hayward,	238 65
John J. Isham,	196 42
Daniel W. Bill,	114 24
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	\$597 79

## TOWN HALL.

Paid John J. Isham, contractor,	\$764 67
Isham & Hayward, extra work and material,	28 64
Davis, Wight & Co., furnace, etc.,	176 38
Sentinel Printing Co., advertising,	2 75
E. Gustine & Co., chandelier and globes,	11 60
G. B. Rawson, labor, etc.,	5 75
Strong & Isham, bill,	2 08
Jehial White, excavating,	5 00
E. E. Roundy, splitting stone,	13 00
Henry Griffin, excavating,	9 08
J. J. Isham, extra labor on basement, etc.,	18 00
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	\$1,036 95

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid J. S. Collins, work and material,	\$36 50
A. Pradel, labor,	32 85
Solon Baker, labor,	4 12
W. B. Adams, plank and timber,	21 24
D. W. Bill, timber,	3 52
S. W. Dart, plank,	3 08
D. A. Miller, labor, etc.,	4 75
M. Pratt, “	4 50
Strong & Isham, spikes and nails,	1 59
J. J. Isham, hauling timber,	2 25
M. A. Hammond, hauling plank,	25
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	\$114 65

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Sentinel Printing Co., 275 reports,	\$19 00
Daniel Smith, police,	7 50
C. B. Hayward, care of weights and measures,	1 00
Benj. E. Guillow, freight on chairs and stove pipe,	60
N. O. Hayward, damage to sheep by dogs, 1885,	6 00
Jotham Bates, “ “	3 50
E. D. Banks, “ “	20 00



Paid American Road Mach. Co., edge and freight,	\$8 80
Geo. H. McCoy, undertaker,	16 65
County tax,	701 02
Geo. H. Leach, freight on road machine,	85
Newman & Banks, repairing road machine,	1 85
M. Perkins, reporting births and deaths,	1 50
I. A. Loveland, " "	2 75
K. D. Webster, " "	1 75
L. W. F. Mark, reporting births, deaths and marriages,	4 80
Geo. M. Pratt, labor on water tank,	80
J. S. Collins, building bank wall,	40 00
D. W. Bill, improving south cemetery,	16 67
S. L. Nash, improving east cemetery,	2 00
W. L. Kingsbury, work on abutment wall,	10 50
George English, " "	7 88
H. H. Carter, work and cash on abutment wall,	20 74
E. A. Howard, work on abutment wall,	16 50
M. A. Hammond, " "	8 75
D. W. Rugg, " "	4 50
State tax,	772 00
Geo. E. Newman, damage to carriage,	5 00
D. K. Healey, insurance on town hall and engine house,	20 00
Milton Stearns, damage to sheep by dogs, 1886,	12 00
E. Smith, " "	3 00
Knowlton & Stone, paint,	1 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee and ser- vices,	20 00
Strong & Isham, bill,	1 45
Stationery,	3 12
S. L. Kingsbury, Collector, 1886,	30 00
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	\$1,793 48

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid School Board,	\$958 53
Union district school house tax,	554 55
Town officers,	245 02
Town paupers,	95 85
Fire department,	109 00
Highways,	597 77
Town hall,	1,036 95
Sidewalks,	114 65
Miscellaneous,	1,793 48
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	\$5,505 80

## LIABILITIES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1887.

Estimated amount due town officers,	\$250 00
Estimated cost of printing town reports,	19 00
Estimated amount due outstanding note,	702 00
In treasury and Collector's hands for Union district,	57 89
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	\$1,028 89

## ASSETS.

Taxes in hands of Collector, 1887,	\$136 49
Uncollected school house tax, 1887,	18 71
Money in treasury, March 1, 1887,	140 79
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	\$295 99
Estimated indebtedness of town,	\$732 90

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. ADAMS,

H. H. CARTER,

J. J. ISHAM,

*Selectmen of Gilsum.*

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

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## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Gilbert Guillow for board and care of Mrs. Nancy M. Nash from March 1, 1886, to Sept. 1, 1886, 26 weeks at \$1 75 per week, amounting to	\$45 50
Paid Mrs. Lucy Cook for board and care of Mrs. Nancy M. Nash from September 1, 1886, to March 1, 1887, 25 5-7 weeks at \$1 50 per week, amounting to	38 55
Paid for clothing for Mrs. Nancy M. Nash,	4 80
Paid Dr. Perkins for medical aid upon Mrs. Nash,	1 75
Paid M. C. Sullivan for keeping 3 tramps over night with supper, lodging and breakfast,	2 25
Paid G. C. Hubbard for taking Mrs. Henry Griffin's affidavit,	1 00
Paid L. W. F. Mark for taking Mrs. Francis Bates' affidavit,	50
Paid Dr. I. A. Loveland for going to Stoddard and taking Mrs. Holbrook's affidavit,	1 50
Amounting to	\$95 85
Received from town treasurer to balance,	\$95 85

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

From October 20, 1885, to April 6, 1886, 24 weeks ;



Aid to Oliver C. Beckwith,	\$30 00
“ Mrs. James L. Davis,	72 75
“ Mrs. S. Jane Corey,	30 00
“ Mrs. Hattie M. Columbia,	1 00
“ Lucius Davis,	69 26
“ Rufus E. Guillow,	3 50
“ William W. Bolster,	35 02

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Amounting to	\$241 53
April, 1886, received from county to balance,	\$241 53
From April 6, 1886, to October 19, 1886 :	

Aid to Oliver C. Beckwith,	\$35 00
“ Joseph S. Bingham's family,	17 50
“ Mrs. James L. Davis,	61 95
“ William Horton,	42 00
“ Ezra Howard's children,	1 50
“ Mrs. Henry Griffin,	5 00
“ Mrs. S. Jane Corey,	33 75
Funeral expenses of Mrs. S. Jane Corey,	10 00

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Amounting to	\$206 70
October, 1886, received from county to balance,	\$206 70

S. L. KINGSBURY,  
*Overseer of the Poor.*

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTENNIAL CEMETERY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

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## CASH RECEIVED FOR LOTS SOLD PAST YEAR.

James L. Bates' estate, for lot No. 146,	\$5 00
Bradley Stone's estate, for lot No. 128,	6 00
Adaline K. Mack, for lots Nos. 148, 149, 158 and 159 in cash,	9 00
and lots 120 and 121 surrendered for which she had paid \$11.00.	
Sy Corey's estate, Lot 142, sold in 1884,	5 00
Wesley O. Blake, Lot 130,	5 00
Total received past year,	<hr/> \$30 00

## LOTS SOLD IN 1884 UNPAID.

Herbert C. Gates, Lot 76,	5 00
George B. Alexander, Lot 125,	5 00

The above sum of \$30.00 paid to Town Treasurer February 26, 1887.

Services past year gratuitous.

F. A. HOWARD,  
*Superintendent.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

1886.

Mar. 1.	Money in treasury,	\$389 89
10.	Received of F. A. Howard, Committee on Centennial Cemetery,	14 00
10.	Received of F.A. Howard, Committee on Town Hall,	9 50
10.	Received of F. A. Howard, Committee on Engine Hall,	1 00
22.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector, for 1884,	9 77
Apr. 14.	Received of Selectmen, money returned on insurance policy of Union school house,	29 30
20.	Received from county for conveying William Bolster and Rufus E. Guilloe to county farm,	7 00
Jne. 18.	Received from Selectmen, money for use of scraper,	12 50
Nov. 4.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Overseer of Poor, money from county for aid to Mrs. H. Griffin,	5 00
Dec. 10.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector, 1884,	1 34

Dec. 23.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, highway tax assessed, 1884,	\$ 4 52
20.	Received of Selectmen, savings bank tax, 1,388	24
20.	Received of Selectmen, insurance tax,	7 50
20.	Received of Selectmen, literary fund,	88 32
1887.		
Feb. 16.	Received of Selectmen, money borrowed from Chesh. Prov. Inst.,	700 00
24.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector, 1884,	3 83
26.	Received of F. A. Howard, Committee of Centennial Cemetery,	30 00
26.	Received of Selectmen, license for pool table,	9 50
26.	Received of Selectmen, for sale of paint,	50
26.	Received of Selectmen, interest on money deposited by late Treasurer,	17 51
26.	Received of Selectmen, interest on money deposited in 1886,	89
26.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector for 1885,	165 16
26.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector for 1886,	2,756 42
	Whole amount received,	\$5,651 69
	Paid out by order of Selectmen,	5,510 90
	Leaving balance in treasury March 1, 1887,	\$140 79

H. E. STRONG, *Treasurer*.

We, the undersigned, Auditors, chosen by the town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseer of Poor and Treasurer of said town, have attended to that duty, and believe said accounts are correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN S. COLLINS.

Gilsum, Feb. 28, 1887.

W. B. ADAMS.



## REPORT OF UNION DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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1885.

Dec. 21. Borrowed of I. A. Loveland, for fence,       \$23 65

1887.

Sept. 11. Due interest on above,                               1 03

1886.

July 1. Owe Cheshire Provident Inst., 1 note,       1,187 05

1. Owe Cheshire Provident Inst., interest to  
July 1, 1886, on above note,                       128 43

1. Owe Cheshire Provident Inst., 1 note  
account of district No. 7,                               69 43

1. Owe Cheshire Provident Inst., interest on  
above to district No. 7 on above note,       1 44

Interest on 1 note to Feb. 26, 1886, interest on 1  
note to Jan. 1, 1886,                                       38 31

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\$1,449 34

### PAID.

1886.

July 1. Paid interest on notes,                       \$128 43

1. Paid interest on notes,                               1 44

Feb. 26. Paid one note,                               69 43

26. Paid interest on above note,                       2 70

26. Paid interest on remaining note to January  
1, 1887,   35 61

26. Paid on remaining note,                               292 26

1885.

Sept. 11. Paid I. A. Loveland,                               24 68

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\$554 55

District owes, January 1, 1887,	\$894 79
District raised,	\$600 00
District has paid,	\$554 55
Uncollected,	45 45
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	\$600 00

G. B. RAWSON,  
JOHN S. COLLINS,  
*Committee.*





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